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1. COMPARED WITH OTHER AIRPORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AMMAN CIVIL AIRPORT HAS ONE OF THE BEST IMPLEMENTED SECURITY SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES. ALTHOUGH CONSIDERED AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, IT GENERALLY ACCOMMODATED ONLY 15 - 20 DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS PER DAY. BRITISH AIRWAYS (BA) AND ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES (KLM) ARE THE ONLY NON-ARAB LARGE FOREIGN AIRLINES THAT OPERATE IN JORDAN. THE MAJORITY OF THE FLIGHTS ORIGINATING IN AND TRANSITING AMMAN ARE ARAB-OWNED AIRLINE COMPANIES WHICH ARE GULF AIR (GF), KUWAIT AIRLINES (KU), SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES (SV), SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES (RB), IRAQI AIRWAYS (IA), EGYPT AIR (MS), CYPRIOT AIR (CA) AND THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIRLINES (RJ). PRIOR TO THE CONFLICT IN LEBANON, MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES (MEA)

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OPERATED THROUGH AMMAN. DUE TO THE RELATIVELY

SMALL AMOUNT OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING FLIGHTS WITH ACCOMPANYING PASSENGERS AS COMPARED TO LARGE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS, AMMAN CIVIL AIRPORT IS IN A GOOD POSITION TO IMPLEMENT STRICT SECURITY PROCEDURES AND SYSTEMS.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IS SHARIF GHAZI BEN RAKAN AND THE DIRECTOR OF AIRPORT SECURITY LOCATED AT THE AIRPORT IS LIEUTENANT COLONEL DEEB SULEIMAN. THE DIRECTOR OF AIRPORT SECURITY IS FULLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE NECESSITY FOR SECURITY PROCEDURES AND IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING, IMPROVING AND MODERNIZING THE SECURITY SYSTEMS AT THE AIRPORT. THIS HAS BEEN EVIDENT DURING THE PAST SIX (6) MONTHS. ALL THE SECURITY PROCEDURES AND SYSTEMS ARE ADMINISTERED BY ELEMENTS OF THE JORDAN ARAB ARMY (JAA), PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES (PSF), MINISTRY OF HEALTH, MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND CUSTOMS, AND THE LOCAL AMMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.

3. THE ENTIRE AMMAN CIVIL AIRPORT COMPLEX IS CORDONED OFF AND CONTINUALLY PATROLLED BY ELEMENTS OF THE HAA AND THE PSF. ALL INGRESS/EGRESS POINTS INTO THE COMPLEX AS WELL AS SECTIONS WITHIN THE COMPLEX ARE GUARDED 24 HOURS PER DAY BY THE ABOVE ELEMENTS. ONLY PERSONNEL WITH SOME FORM OF WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION ARE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE COMPLEX. THE ENTIRE AIRSTRIP IS SURROUNDED BY CONCERTINA WIRE AND PATROLLED. THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR FORCE (JAF) AND MILITARY ELEMENTS OCCUPY A LARGE SECTION OF THE AIRPORT COMPLEX WHICH PROVIDES ADDITIONAL SECURITY. A POLICE STATION IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE AIRPORT COMPLEX. THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMMAN CIVIL AIRPORT SECURITY WITH ITS STAFF AND ALL PERSONNEL ARE LOCATED IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE MAIN TERMINAL.

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4. THE PASSENGER TERMINAL IS BASICALLY DIVIDED INTO THE ARRIVAL SECTION AND THE DEPARTURE SECTION. THE ARRIVAL SECTION ALSO CONTAINS THE TRANSIT LOUNGE. THE ENTIRE DEPARTURE SECTION IS ENCLOSED AND ALL DOORS ARE LOCKED. ALL NON-PASSENGERS ARE FORBIDDEN ENTRANCE TO THE DEPARTURE SECTION EXCEPT THOSE WITH SPECIAL DOCUMENTS SUCH AS DIPLOMATIC IDENTITY CARDS.

THERE IS ONLY ONE SMALL ENTRANCE TO THE SECTION WHICH IS GUARDED 24 HOURS PER DAY AND ALL PASSENGERS AND AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE CHECKED AT THIS ENTRANCE TO INSURE THAT THEY IN FACT HAVE A REASON TO ENTER THE DEPARTURE SECTION. THIS PROCEDURE HAS JUST RECENTLY BEEN INSTITUTED. IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING, ALL PERSONNEL MUST AGAIN SHOW REASON FOR BEING IN THE SECTION AND ARE SUBJECTED TO A BODY SEARCH BY THE GUARD AT THIS POINT. ALL PERSONNEL THEN PROCEED TO THE NEXT SECTION WHERE ALL LUGGAGE IS THOROUGHLY VISUALLY INSPECTED OR

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IN THE CASE OF DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IS SUBJECTED TO AN X-RAY INSPECTION. ONCE INSPECTED, ALL LUGGAGE IS TAGGED TO INDICATE THAT IT HAS BEEN INSPECTED. THE COLOR OF THE TAGS CHANGE ON A DAILY BASIS. ALL PERSONNEL THEN PROCEED TO THE RESPECTIVE COUNTER TO OBTAIN THEIR BOARDING PASSES AND CHECK-IN THEIR LUGGAGE. WHEN THIS IS COMPLETED, AN AIRPORT EXIT FEE TICKET IS OBTAINED AND THEN ALL PERSONNEL ARE CHECKED BY ANOTHER GUARD FOR PROPER

PASSPORT AND VISA. WHEN THE PASSPORT IS CHECKED AND EXIT STAMP ENTERED, ALL PERSONNEL PROCEED THROUGH A WALK-THRU AUTO-SCAN MACHINE. THIS MACHINE HAS BEEN RECENTLY INSTALLED AND IS USED AS A DOUBLE-CHECK PROCEDURE. ONCE A PERSON IS FINALLY CLEARED, HE/SHE IS ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE. THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE IS COMPLETELY ENCLOSED AND THE DEPARTING PERSONNEL ARE NOT ALLOWED CONTACT WITH ANYBODY. ONCE THE FLIGHT IS ANNOUNCED, ALL DEPARTING PERSONNEL EXIT THROUGH ONE DOOR AND RECEIVE ANOTHER BODY SEARCH BEFORE BOARDING A BUS FOR THE AIRCRAFT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE BUS WHICH TRANSPORTS THE DEPARTING PERSONNEL IS ESCORTED BY AN AIRPORT SECURITY PATROL. ONCE ON BOARD, ALL PERSONNEL BOARDING TICKETS ARE RECHECKED AND IN THE CASE OF ROYAL JORDANIAN AIRLINES, THERE ARE THREE TO FIVE PSF SKY MARSHALS.

5. SECURITY PROCEDURES FOR ARRIVING PERSONNEL ARE BASICALLY THE SAME AS FOR DEPARTING PERSONNEL. ONCE THE AIRCRAFT HAS LANDED, ALL PERSONNEL BOARD A BUS FOR THE ARRIVAL OR TRANSIT LOUNGE ESCORTED BY AN AIRPORT SECURITY PATROL. ALL PERSONNEL DEBOARD THE BUS AND ARE DIRECTED THROUGH ONE ENTRANCE DOOR INTO THE ARRIVAL SECTION. IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING THE ARRIVAL SECTION, PERSONNEL WHO ARE TRANSITING ARE DIRECTED INTO THE TRANSIT SECTION WHICH IS COMPLETELY ENCLOSED. ALL OTHER PERSONNEL ARE CHanneled THROUGH ONE ENTRANCE POINT AND REQUIRED TO SHOW THEIR HEALTH CARDS. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY ARE SCRUTINIZED BY ELEMENTS OF THE PSF. ALL PERSONNEL THEN PROCEED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTERS (ARAB NATIONALS AND NON-ARAB) WHERE THEIR PASSPORT AND VISA ARE CHECKED AND AN ENTRY STAMP IS PLACED INTO THEIR PASSPORT. THEY THEN PROCEED TO THE CUSTOMS AREA WHERE ALL LUGGAGE IS VISUALLY SEARCHED AND TAGGED FOR ENTRANCE INTO JORDAN. BEFORE DEPARTING THE ARRIVAL SECTION, ALL PASSPORTS AND VISAS ARE RECHECKED. AS DONE IN THE DEPARTING SECTION, ONLY ARRIVING PASSENGERS AND AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE ALLOWED ENTRANCE INTO ARRIVAL SECTION EXCEPT THOSE WITH OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS SUCH AS DIPLOMATIC ID CARDS. BOTH ENTRANCE POINTS TO THE ARRIVAL SECTION ARE

GUARDED 24 HOURS PER DAY BY ELEMENTS OF THE JAA AND PSF.

6. AS CAN BE SURMIZED FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED,
SECURITY PROCEDURES AND SYSTEMS ARE WELL
IMPLEMENTED AT THE AMMAN CIVIL AIRPORT AND ACT
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AS A COMMENDABLE DETERRENT TO ANY POSSIBLE
TERRORIST ACTION.

7. THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN RATIFIED THE 1970
HAGUE AND 1971 MONTREAL CONVENTIONS.

8. EMBASSY MADE PRESENTATION REQUESTED
REFTEL TO LTCOL DEEB SULEIMAN, CHIEF OF
AIRPORT SECURITY, WHO WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE
OF CONGRADULATORY COMMENTS CONCERNING HIS
HANDLING OF AIRPORT SECURITY AND ASSURED TH
EMBASSY THAT HIS POLICY WILL CONTINUE.
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